Expenditure on Import of Edible Oils

3630. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposed to spent huge amount of foreign exchange on import of edible oil during 1992-93 in comparison to 1991-92; and

(b) if so, the amount thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The Government have not yet decided about the import of edible oils including quantity thereof for the year 1992-93.

(b) Does not arise.

Development of Counter Magnet Towns

3632. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have chalked out any scheme to develop counter magnet towns in the adjoining areas of the capital, Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria adopted by the Government for determining counter magnet town;

(d) whether the Uttar Pradesh Government has submitted a proposal to the Union Government to declare Agra (Firozabad) the counter magnet town of the capital, Delhi; and

(e) if so, the decision taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Regional Plan 2001-NCR prepared and approved by the NCR Planning Board has envisaged development of the following five counter magnet areas in consultation with the State Governments

1. Patiala in Punjab.
2. Hissar in Haryana.
3. Bareilly in J.P.
4. Kota in Rajasthan.
5. Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh

(c) The criteria adopted for determining Counter Magnet Areas were:

1. Nodality consideration.
2. Spatial consideration
3. Size and viability consideration
4. Another consideration was that the Counter Magnet Areas should act as the future interceptors of migratory flows and also as regional growth centres in the region of their setting to achieve balanced pattern of urbanisation.

(d) No proposal has been received by the Government.